

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI TANIOKA) : Examiner: M. Botts
Application No.: 10/697,983) : Group Art Unit: 2176
Filed: October 31, 2003) :
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, IMAGE)
PROCESSING METHOD AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM) : February 6, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2006 for one month from January 6, 2007 to February 6, 2007.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite \$120.00 fee or any deficiency thereof, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3939.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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